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## Since the bountiful rainfall the "crop killer" has mysteriously disappeared and up to the present has not been located

### Superintendents Express Themselves on School Bills.

The sixth annual conference of superintendents of cities of first and second classes has heartily endorsed the five bills prepared by the superintendent of public instruction and the legislative committee of the state teachers' association. The conference was in session at Emporia Friday and Saturday, and adopted resolutions to that effect. The five bills that were endorsed are as follows:

House bill No. 572, providing a minimum term of seven months school and state aid for weak districts; House bill No. 530 and Senate bill No. 382, providing for uniform boards of education for first and second class cities, composed of six members nominated and elected at large without reference to wards; House bill No. 531 and Senate bill No. 381, specifying the duties of the clerks of boards of education and city superintendents and the length of

their terms of office; House bill No. 507 and Senate bill No. 385, providing for more adequate certification of teachers and raising the standard of qualifications; House bill No. 508 and Senate bill No. 317, raising the standard of qualifications for county superintendents of public instruction; and that portion of the fees and salaries bill which fixes the salary of county superintendents of public instruction. They declared unanimously against the Pittsburg separation bill and other bills hostile to the best interests of the Normal Schools in the following resolution:

We, the city superintendents of the cities of the first and second class in Kansas, in sixth annual session assembled, desire to express an unequivocal opposition to any legislation that would tend to destroy the integrity of the normal school system of the state as now maintained.—State Normal Record.

### House Votes to Help Weak School Districts.

W. P. Feder, member from Barton county, State Superintendent E. T. Fairchild, and the state educational committee won a victory yesterday when the House recommended for passage the House bill No. 572 providing for state aid for weak school districts and a minimum school term of seven months. The bill was introduced by Mr. Feder. He pushed it through the committee to which it was referred and handled it upon the floor of the House. It was drawn by Superintendent Fairchild and the educational commission and they were greatly interested in it.

This bill makes it certain, providing it becomes a law, that every school district in the state, no matter how weak it is, will have a good school with a full term of seven months. There are now 2,000 school districts in the state where the property valua-

tion is so low that the maximum levy will not raise a sufficient amount to employ a teacher and keep up the school for seven months in the year.

It is estimated that \$450 will maintain a district school for 7 months. The bill provides that wherever there is a district that cannot raise that amount under the full levy the state shall step in and in conjunction with the county in which the district is located, make up the difference. The bill provides that the county shall contribute one-fourth of the deficiency and that the state shall contribute three-fourths. The districts will first raise all it can by taxation and whatever amount is left will be taken care of by the county and the state.

The bill carries for this purpose an appropriation of \$75,000. The bill does not apply to districts having a school population of less than fifteen. The bill was recommended for passage by a vote of 80 to 23 and there was scarcely any opposition on the floor. J. J. Veach, of Washington county, opposed it on the ground that the money could be better spent on branch normal schools.—Topeka Capital.

### Three Fires in Two Days.

Sunday and Monday were busy days for the fire department. They were first called out at 1:30 Sunday morning to fight fire that had gained considerable headway among the dining room, cook houses and bunk shacks built south of the mill last fall to accommodate the laborers necessary to construct the new shops. Seven of the shacks were destroyed before the fire was gotten under control.

The fire department was delayed about an hour by not being able to lay a line of hose across the railroad track until the engines, cars and machinery belonging to the Walsh, List & Gifford Construction Co. could be pulled out of the side tracks next to the stacks. The buildings were covered with tar paper which made them much more combustible.

Sunday afternoon about four o'clock an alarm was turned in that a fire was in progress at James Pizinger's residence. It proved to be in a sort of a storage room at the base of his windmill tower where kindling was stored and was easily put out with the chemical engine.

At ten o'clock Monday night the new blacksmith shop under course of construction by Westinghouse, Church Kerr & Co., was discovered to be on fire and as it was beyond reach of the city water considerable damage was done before the flames were under control. The fire started in one corner where the thread cutting machine is operated during the day time. In order to keep it warm it was enclosed in a frame shack and inside was kept a large fire pot to keep the oil warm. Some greasy clothing was also in the shack and it was probable that the fire was started from the fire pot. Some window frames and part of the roof was burned out at a loss of about \$1,000 or \$1,500. Much valuable machinery was stored in the building and the loss might have been much heavier. The chemical engine was used and after considerable delay water connections were made with the old roundhouse. Engines were also used, the steam being blown on the fire.—Hosington Dispatch.

### Road Notice.

State of Kansas,  
County of Barton, ss.

Take notice that a legal petition signed by Os Wood and fifteen other householders of Great Bend township, in said county has been presented to the board of county commissioners praying for the establishment of a proposed road as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the North East Corner of the South West Quarter of Section 16, township 19, Range 13, and running due north on the half section line and terminating at the bank of the Wet Walnut Creek. Said road to be two rods wide.

Said Board having appointed themselves viewers who will meet at the point of beginning of proposed road on the 7th day of March 1911, at 2 P. M. and proceed to view said road as the law directs at which time and place all persons interested may have a hearing. In case the said viewers fail to meet on the day designated they may meet on the following day as provided by law, without further notice.

Witnessed my hand and the official seal of Barton County, this 8th day of February 1911.

C. F. Younk, County Clerk.

Henry Wierach, the plutocratic bachelor farmer of Radium started home from Great Bend, via Larned Monday but reappeared on the streets of Great Bend late Monday night declaring that he had missed the Mo. Pacific train at the latter place. We ventured to suggest that this was a rather unusual occurrence, but Henry informs us that if he wants to miss a train he has as much right to miss a Mo. P. as any other train and its none of our business anyway.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Connatt are in Kansas City this week visiting relatives. The Dr. is attending Masonic Grand Lodge.

### Real Estate Transfers.

For the week ending Feb. 11, furnished by the Barton County Abstract & Title Co., Great Bend. Eva Hartman-Simon Hartmann, Q. C. D. ne 1-4 of 24, 1, 13, \$1. Eva Hartman-Regina Klein, Q. C. D. nw 1-4 of 19, 19, 11, \$1.

Barton Co.-I. C. B. Holmes tax deed, ne 1-4 of blk 20 Ellinwood, lot 4, blk 50 Great Bend, blk 87, Ellinwood, \$4.92.

A. J. Woodruff-Christoph Book W. D. lots 5 6 7 8 blk 42 Ellinwood, 18.

C. L. & E. W. Moses-Price Bondurant, W. D. lots 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 blk 1, and blks 2 3 4, Phillips add Great Bend, \$1200.

Price Bondurant-Hale Cowley, W. D. all of blks 2 3 4 1, except lots 1 2 3 12 blk 1, Phillips Add Great Bend, \$8000.

Mary Johnson-W. J. Elliott W. D. lot 8, blk 7, Wm. R. Smiths Add Hosington, \$400.

Ferdinand F. Burmeister-Magdeline Burmeister, W. D. s. 1-2 of 33 16 11, \$2,000.

Amos Johnson-Jacob Dethampl, W. D. blk 86, Ellinwood, \$1600. Ada Francis Davis-Clara M. Cox W. D. n 1-2 of ne 1-4 of 33 17 15, \$1289.40.

Margaret Bloomer-Jno. H. Jordan, W. D. plot of 34 17 11, \$600. D. O. Gray-Alexander Piel, W. D. lots 10 11 blk 2 D O Gary's add Hosington, \$225.

### The American Magazine

The general excellence of The American Magazine is what appeals to the reader. Experts in the business say that no periodical now published is attracting more attention, or winning more enthusiastic approval, than The American Magazine. It is a publication which exhibits unusual energy, liveliness, candor, courage and humor. No one who reads it can ever forget its distinctive qualities. It is as much a "character" as exists anywhere—and a most intelligent and delightful "character," too.

Three great original departments have been created by The American Magazine—"Interesting People," "The Interpreter's House," and "The Pilgrim's Scrip." Any particular number of the magazine may contain a wonderful fiction story, or a beautiful picture, or a great article that will interest you more than these departments. And yet these famous departments form a great attraction in the periodical. They are always there—filled to the brim with ideas, emotions, and aspirations. There is a curious flavor in them—singularly new, and genuine.

On the whole The American Magazine is winning great favor because of its sound tone of real optimism—not silly, flat and fake optimism; but that optimism which is founded on the solid truth that you ought to do your job well wherever you are, and that if you do, do your job well you will get some sort of a reward for it here on earth—not necessarily money (which most of us foolishly use as the only yardstick of success), but perhaps an inner feeling of satisfaction which, if your skin is not too tough, may be transferred and exhibited in a gentle far—something decent to look at, and not calculated to scare all the affection out of those who come into daily contact with you.

This is a poor and inadequate statement which only partially covers the ground. It is only meant to be a sort of reflection on what seems to be the moving spirit back of The American Magazine. It is nothing but an impression which the writer feels after reading and enjoying The American Magazine for a year or more.

Charlie Windmill, of Offerle, one of the prosperous farmers of Western Kansas, and an ex-Barton county boy, was in town a couple of days this week visiting relatives and renewing old acquaintanceship. The only trouble about Charlie's visits to Great Bend is that he doesn't come oftener. He reports prospects good for another of those big wheat crops for which his neighborhood is noted.

Lester Cox was in Kansas City this week.

## Commissioners Proceedings, February, 1911.

State of Kansas,  
County of Barton, ss.

Office of County Clerk.

Great Bend, Kan., Feb. 6, 1911.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the county clerk, Monday, February 6, 1911.

Present: Frank Wood, Chm., Mat Dick and P. E. Murphy, commissioners, M. Dalley, Sheriff, and C. F. Younk, County Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Bills as filed and allowed.

W F Marsoff, milk for Mrs. Burch	1.00
Born, mds for Mrs. Barnett	3.30
Lundblade and Nystrom, gro. for poor	30.12
G. B. Fur. Co., burial of Hughes baby	11.00
Degan Mer. Co., mds for Mrs. Herberston	2.90
The Ochs Grain Co., coal for Fills and Woods	9.10
Smith and Krug, mds for Woods	9.19
Schaefer Meat Market, meat for Mrs. Barnett	4.30
McNonn & Hayes, meat for Noe and Burch	5.80
F L Gunn, milk for Mrs. Hughes	3.30
C. Samuels Co., mds for Mrs. Hughes	13.25
H A. Fisher, milk for Mrs. Barnett	2.20
Fred Richardson, plumbing for jail and court house	8.65
Fred Hemker, Coal bucket	.50
O. R. Beatty, telegram	.80
J. E. Maybaw, ribbon for adding machine	1.00
A. W. Hornbeck, room rent for Mrs. Hughes	8.87
Eyer Brothers, cleaning cess Pools for January	50.00
M. Dalley, taking Runnels and Mullins to State Refy	29.48
Patton & Pankhauser, coal for poor	41.75
H. C. Colegrove, typewriter supplies	7.90
The Boston Store, groceries for poor	20.30
Wm. Torrey, drawing jury	2.00
M. Dalley, drawing jury	2.00
James Clayton, drawing jury	2.00
Alkten Lumber Co., car of bridge lumber	420.57
J. P. Cook Co., stamp for County Assessor	1.28
Tribune Pub. Co. scarlet fever cards	2.50
Germo Mfg. Co., disinfectants for court house	16.00
A. Schwager, county assessor January	38.25
C. F. Younk, drawing jury	2.00
J. E. Delfotte, janitor and extra work	46.50
Patton & Pankhauser, coal for jail	7.75
M. Dalley, sheriff, Logan case	53.50
R. C. Russell, 1500 stamped Env	32.16
G. B. Hdw. & Imp Co, steel ceiling for court room	184.94
J. W. Ledbetter, care of Bennett family	15.00
S. H. Chatten Lbr. Co, lumber at Ellinwood bridge	50.24
Hooper Drug Co., mds for county	4.75
B. L. Stinson, case of Mrs. Laura Courier	10.00
John Rotnecke, nails for bridge	2.00
H. M. Dittenbacher, work as	

county assessor

The Hutchinson Ptg. Co., Co. supplies

Juvenile Court, Ola Ruggles.

H. A. Hall Probate Judge

John Dalley, Probationer of ficer

Geo. Ditzell, witness

Geo. Gould, witness

Mrs. Carrie Lawyer, witness

Wm. Scott, witness

Earle Hughes, witness

Total cost

M. Dalley, trip to Rush Center, in Sturgeon Insanity case

Democrat Ptg. Co., job work

Mrs. Ella Duncan, care of self and children

Crescent Grocery, groceries for the poor

James Clayton, J P court, St. vs. Smith

M. Dalley, sheriff, St. vs. Smith

James Clayton, J. P. court State vs Igo Hesser

James Clayton, J. P. court State vs Chas Bramble

M. Dalley, sheriff, State vs Igo Hesser

M. Dalley, sheriff, State vs Chas. Bramble

J. H. Jemison, J. P., State vs Crawford et al

M. Dalley, sheriff, state vs. Crawford et al

E. W. Sterling, witness, St. vs Crawford et al

Keldie Ivey, witness, St. vs Crawford et al

Bert Parton, witness, State vs Crawford et al

Henry Morrison, witness St. vs. Crawford et al

Thomas Bunnell, witness St. vs. Crawford et al

O. B. Ayers, witness, State vs Crawford et al

Oscar Gallamore, 5 dustless sweepers

Frank Thomason, witness st vs Dick

Gunn & Watson, job work

John Dalley, Salary under Sheriff, in 1910

M. Dalley, postage, 1000 env

Roy Cornelius, Co. Printer

Total

On motion it was ordered to record the action of the Board at the January meeting letting any of the Banks outside of the County Seat have any of the County Funds as County Depositories. Wood and Murphy voting for and Mat Dick against.

On motion it was ordered to let the Banks of Great Bend, Kansas, have all county funds for the ensuing year 1911 on the approval of good and sufficient bonds by said Banks. Wood and Murphy voting for and Mat Dick voting against.

J. S. Winget, Trustee of Walnut township, filed his resignation as township assessor, which was accepted, and R. N. Mauler was appointed and approved as assessor for the ensuing year, 1911.

The present legislature enacted a law vacating all appointments of deputy assessors in cities of 1st and 2nd class, making it the duty of the county assessor to make the appointment subject to the approval of the board of county commissioners.

A. Schwager, County Assessor, made the following appointments,

and the board of county commissioners approved the same.

S. S. Shattuck, Assessor for the year of 1911, Hosington, Kansas.

W. H. Dodge, Assessor for the year of 1911, Great Bend City.

Frank E. Wells, Assessor for the year of 1911, Great Bend City.

The following bonds were duly approved:

A. J. Rabenseifer, Clerk Walnut Tp.

J. A. Black, Clerk, Patview Tp.

J. F. Axman, Clerk of Grant Twp.

Frank Ladenberger, Clerk of Homestead Twp.

James Tabler, Treas. of Great Bend Twp.

John Luebbens, Treas of Logan Tp.

H. F. Bryant, J. P., Beaver Twp.

Roy Connor, J. P. Albion Twp.

W. F. Schiller, J. P. Cheyenne Twp.

S. N. Holt, J. P. Laklin Twp.

John Jarmer, Const. Cheyenne Twp.

A number of road and bridge petitions were rejected, on account of some being irregular and some being long standing.

The following road petition, Os Wood, petitioner, and fifteen other householders of Great Bend township praying for the establishing of a road as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the N. E. corner of the S. W. 1-4 of section 16, 19, 13, and running due north on the half section line and terminating at the bank of the wet Walnut Creek.

Said road to be two rods wide, was considered by the Board and the Board of County Commissioners were duly appointed a Board of Viewers and appointed March 7th, 1911, 2 P. M. to meet at the beginning of said road as described and make a report to the County Clerk in writing on or before the 3rd day of April, 1911. They will receive all applications for damages. No survey will be required.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Witness my hand and the official seal of said county this 8th day of February, 1911.

C. F. YOUNKIN,  
County Clerk.

There being nothing further the board adjourned to meet again at the next regular session in March, 1911.

FRANK WOOD,  
Chairman.

Attest:

C. F. Younk, County Clerk.

### Two Eclipses this Year.

There will be two eclipses during the year 1911 and both of these will be of the sun. It is an unusual year in that there will be no eclipse of the moon whatever. The first eclipse of the sun, which will take place on April 23th, will be visible in this section of the country just before sunset. The second, an annular eclipse of the sun, will be invisible in America. The Easter season will come comparatively late this season. March 1st will be Ash Wednesday. Palm Sunday will be on April 16th. Hence Easter will be on June 4th. Memorial day and the Fourth of July will fall on a Tuesday this year. Labor Day will be on Sept. 4th. Christmas Dec. 25th, will be on a Monday.

### A Combination.

A unique combination of the old and the new was observed on our streets Sunday morning. It was that of an old style Prairie Schooner headed east with a good looking automobile being towed behind it by a rope. This style of taking a trip overland by auto may not be as exhilarating as the usual method but we are willing to bet anywhere from ten to fifteen cents that with sufficient time the fellow in the auto arrives at his destination.

### Making all Matches "Safeties."

"Of the two hundred and fifty billion matches used yearly in this country—more than seven a day for every man, woman and child—four-fifths are of a type that practically every nation of commercial importance prohibits," says The Survey. "For the head of the ordinary 'double top' parlor match, the tiny round tip is made of a poison worse than deadly to many of the workers in match factories. Stealing insidiously through a tiny crack in a tooth, it rots the tooth, rots the jawbone, requires mutilating operations and sometimes results in death after lingering years of suffering. The dead bone, imbedded in living flesh, discharges its four remains through cheek and mouth. Phosphorus necrosis, commonly called 'phoss jaw,' in match makers is so terrible that it might be considered good reason for returning to the flint and steel, of our fore-bears if there were no other way of making fire.

"But there is a harmless substitute, sesqui-sulphide of phosphorus, for the poisonous white phosphorus. It is to our disgrace that the United States has lagged behind other lands in demanding the harmless but more expensive material, a lack of public information on the subject, and the voiceless obscurity of the match workers have all been factors in our tardy beginning last year to wipe out this unnecessary industrial disease by the Esch bill in congress."

Henry Born is in Eastern markets purchasing stock.